



Docket No. 1232-4367US1

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): Hirokazu OHI, et al.

Group Art Unit: 2152

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For: COMMUNICATION METHOD AND APPARATUS, SERVER AND CLIENT ON  
NETWORK, AND PROGRAM CODES REALIZING COMMUNICATION  
THEREOF

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please enter this Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified application. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and Extension of Time are being filed concurrently herewith.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 10 of this paper.